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DECLINE IN FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding decline in foodgrain production in the country in the current year;

(b) if so, the percentage of the likely decline, crop-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for the decline alongwith the steps taken by the Government to increase foodgrain production?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The crop-wise and State-wise increase (+)/decrease (-) in the production of foodgrains during 2009-10 (2nd Advance Estimates) over the year 2008-09 is given in the Annexure.

(c): The delayed/deficient monsoon and drought in various parts of the country during monsoon 2009 had adverse effect on agricultural production during kharif 2009-10. In order to increase the production and productivity of foodgrains in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/ programmes, namely; National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Cereals Development programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice), Integrated Cereals Development programme in Wheat Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Wheat) and Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture.